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Attn: Leslie R. Deak

RE: The cuff in the applicant's invention

Dear: Mrs. Deak

*The cuff has no graded surface, it has a flat surface and it covers all around the venous outflow catheter at the inlet end and it is surgically anastomosed to the graft in an end-to-end fashion so the arterial graft and the venous outflow catheter fit together in approximation. The venous outflow catheter is number 11 not 12 and the arterial graft is number 12 not 11 as mentioned in your response. These findings may be entered into our Pending Patent Application.*

*If you have any questions please feel free to contact my office at 312-329-1100. Any correspondence should be sent to the address listed above.*

Sincerely,

*Nazir A. Khan*  
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RE: Amendments to Claims 3, 7 and 10 of Patent Application

Dear: Mrs. Deak

Under 37 CFR 41.33 prior to the filing of the brief, the following amendments are made in the claims 3, 7, and 10.

- In claim 3 it is read as: The arteriovenous shunt of claim 2 is made of biocompatible material.
- In claim 7 it is read as: The arteriovenous shunt of claim 1, wherein said cuff is polyethylene terephthalate or other biocompatible material.
- In claim 10 it is read as: The arteriovenous shunt of claim 1, wherein said venous outflow catheter is made of biocompatible material.

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